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For : LANCET HAVING ADJUSTABLE PENETRATION DEPTH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows (a marked-up copy of the changes is attached to the present amendment):

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15 with the following new paragraph:

C1' SUB
---Turning to Fig. 8, an alternative embodiment of the stopper system includes an elongate slot (also referred to as elongate opening and elongate hole) 33' disposed in the distal segment 32 of the needle holding member 30. The slot or opening or hole is positioned such that a peg (also referred to as post) 28' which extends from an interior of the housing 20 passes therethrough. The